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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 134 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/58/582.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 34th and 39th meetings, on 17 March and 2 April 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.34 and 39).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations (A/55/697);

(b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/874);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323 (A/58/723);

(d) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/732).

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II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.63

4. At its 39th meeting, on 2 April, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323" (A/C.5/58/L.63), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Singapore.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.63 without a vote (see para. 8).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/58/L.59

6. At its 39th meeting, on 2 April, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations" (A/C.5/58/L.59), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Colombia.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.59 without a vote (see para. 9).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/323 of 18 June 2003,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 57/323[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the proposal by the Secretary-General[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Decides* to postpone the return of the remaining 50 per cent of the net cash available for credit to Member States as at 30 June 2002, in the amount of 84,446,000 United States dollars, in respect of the fund balances of the United Nations Mission in Haiti; the United Nations Observer Group in Central America and the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador; the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force; the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters; the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group; the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola; the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda; the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan; the United Nations Transition Assistance Group; and the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia until 30 June 2004;

3. *Also decides* that credits or disbursements to Member States may be made at the discretion of the Member State concerned as from 1 July 2004;

4. *Encourages* Member States owed credits for the closed peacekeeping mission accounts to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions.

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[1] A/58/723.

[2] A/58/732.

[3] See A/58/723, para. 6.

9. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly decides to defer to its fifty-ninth session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations[1] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[2]

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[1] A/55/697.

[2] A/55/874, paras. 41-45.